

**Agency: Commerce, Community and Economic Development****Grants to Municipalities (AS 37.05.315)****Grant Recipient: Haines Borough****Project Title:**

## Haines Borough - Chilkat Center Emergency Ramp

**State Funding Requested: \$ 85,000**  
One-Time Need**House District: 5 - C****Brief Project Description:**

The project would build an emergency ramp so that all disabled persons will be able to safely exit the building.

**Funding Plan:****Total Cost of Project: \$85,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

**Detailed Project Description and Justification:**

The Chilkat Center in Haines is used for many cultural events and is truly a spectacular building. However, the back ramp is the only handicap access for the second floor and is currently used weekly by patrons attending various exercise classes (who have bad knees) and a KHNS volunteer who is blind and needs to avoid the stairs. This ramp is also the required second fire exit for the upper level in the case of a fire or other emergency. The beams are becoming delaminated and there are several areas showing signs of rot making it unsafe to use, especially after a heavy snowfall.

This project would build a ramp at the emergency exit to allow for safe and expeditious movement by all during an emergency.

**Project Timeline:**

Funding would be secured in the summer of 2008 with construction beginning immediately.

**Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:**

Haines Borough

**Grant Recipient Contact Information:**

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No

**From:** J. Robert Venables [rvenables@haines.ak.us]

**Sent:** Monday, November 20, 2006 7:39 AM

**To:** Kaci Schroeder

**Subject:** \*\*\*\*\*SPAM\*\*\*\*\* Chilkat center backup

Good morning Kaci,

The public safety project at the Chilkat Center is to repair the emergency exit ramp that also serves as the primary access to the upstairs of the building for the handicapped (ADA compliant). The support structure has rotted out and is in need of replacement. The estimated cost is \$85,000. Let me know if you would like more detailed information.

Thanks.

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# Memorandum

To: Representative Thomas  
CC: Mayor Fred Shields  
From: Borough Manager  
Date: 3/20/2008  
Re: Chilkat Center



Thank you for your support for our Chilkat Center for the Performing Arts. The Chilkat Center is truly a multi-purpose cultural facility for live drama, dance, music performances, film festivals, community wellness like karate, yoga, dance, exercise classes, radio and television production or simply a place to hold a conference or special meeting. This January, 345 participants utilized programs at the Chilkat Center; last month 512 participants used this facility.

Like all Alaska, the Chilkat Center for the Arts has a history that is unique. The building itself began at the end of the last century as part of one of Alaska's earliest canneries. In 1924, it was purchased by the US army, dismantled, floated in sections around the Chilkat Peninsula and reconstructed as the Education and Recreational Building at its present location. In 1967, the year of Alaska's purchase centennial, state and federal funds became available and the building began another stage in its transformation to a small theater. In 1979, further remodeling was initiated and the Chilkat Center can now provide guests with several workshop areas, conference rooms, a large lobby and a beautiful auditorium complete with stage, dressing rooms and a seating capacity of 350.

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This facility is truly a historic treasure of the State and Haines. With the demise of the federal Secure Schools Program (over \$500,000.00 lost to Haines this year) our community is severely challenged to meet the needs that face us. Obviously the need requires immediate attention and the short construction season is almost upon us. All the users of this facility and especially those that need the ADA handicap access, are particularly grateful for any assistance that you can offer.

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Facilities Maintenance

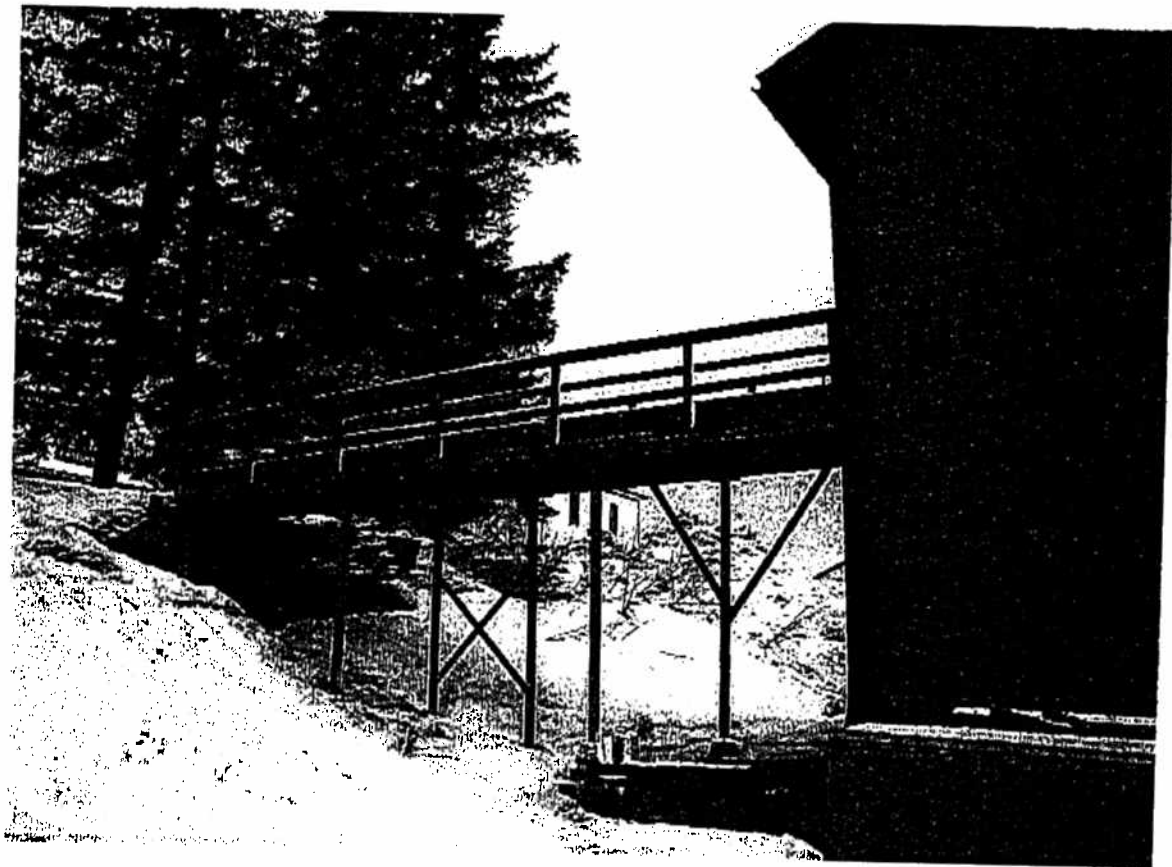
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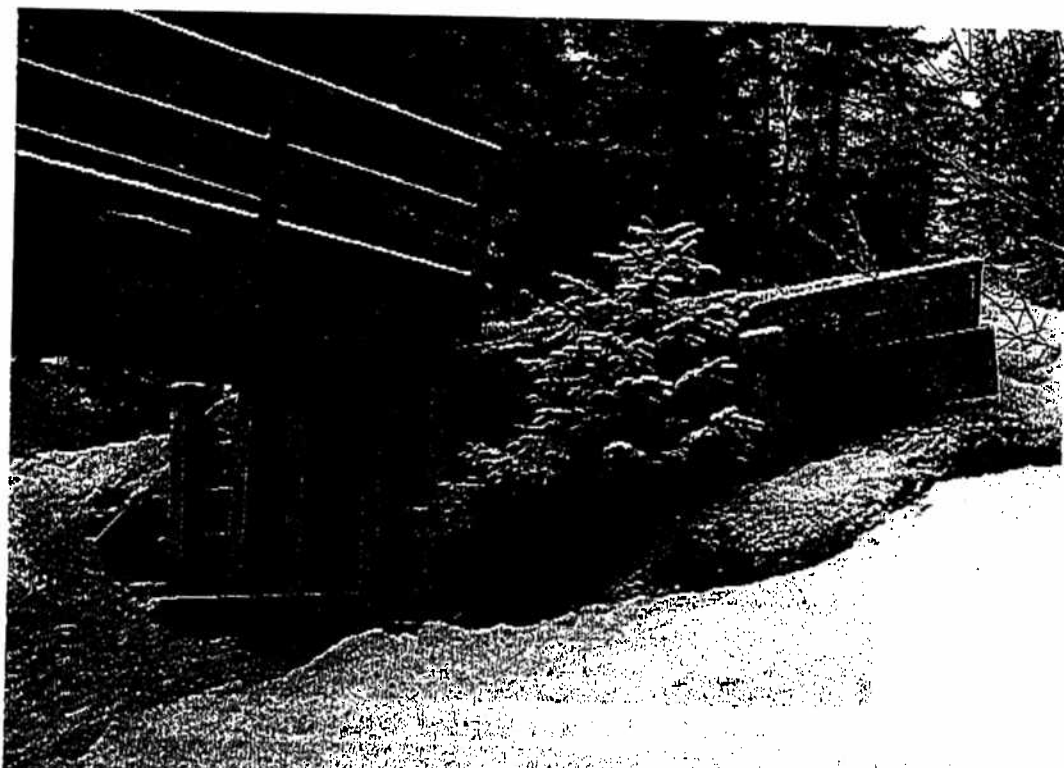
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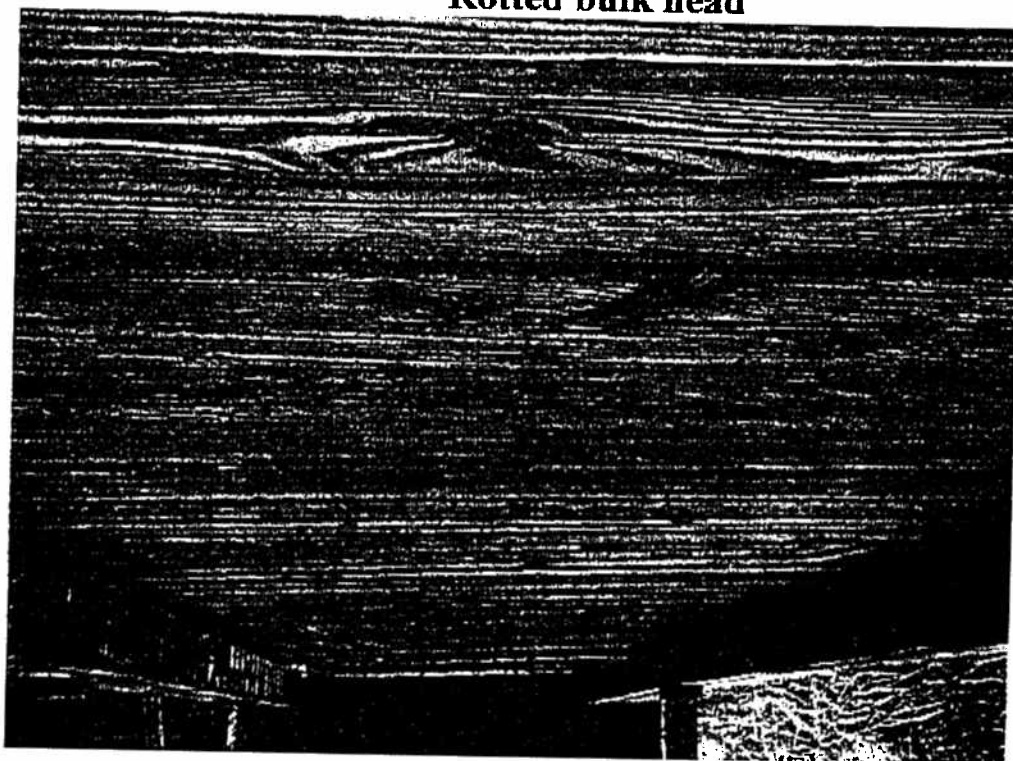
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## Chilkat Center Walkway

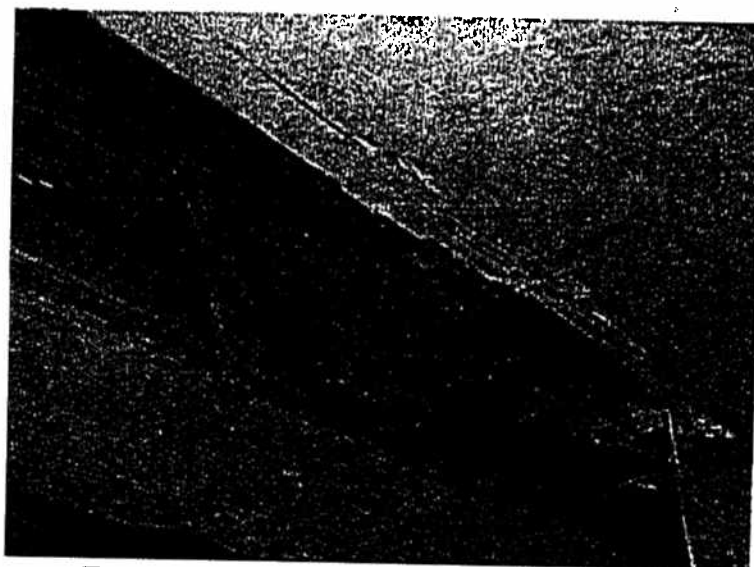




**Rotted bulk head**



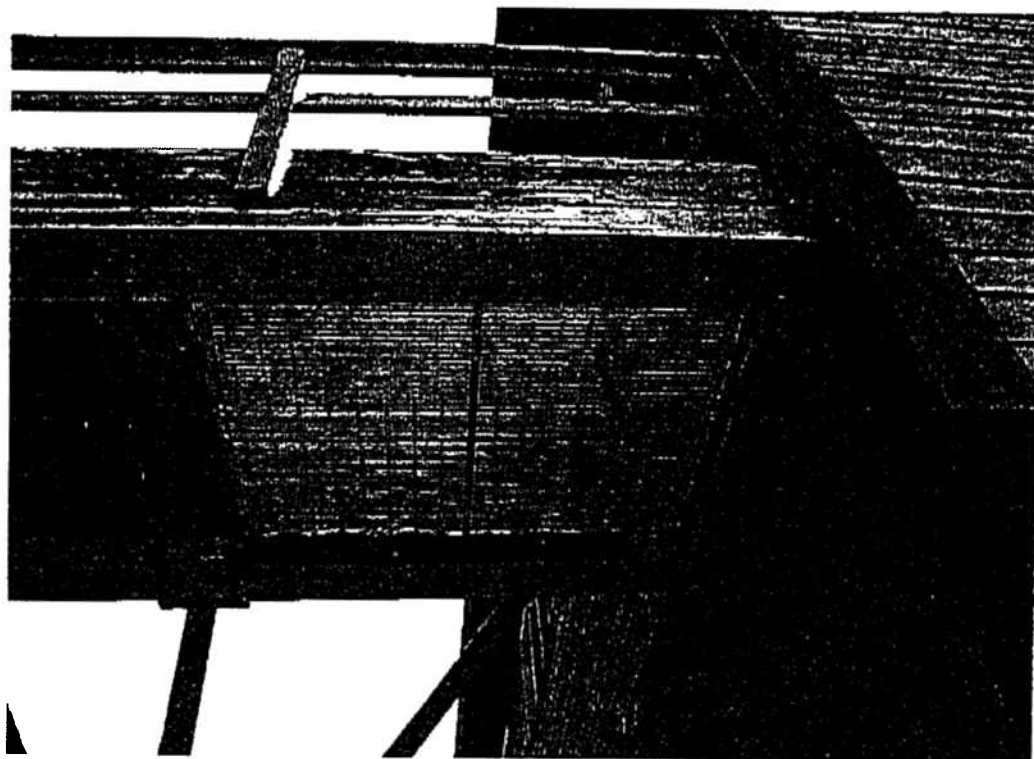
**2x6 treated Decking**



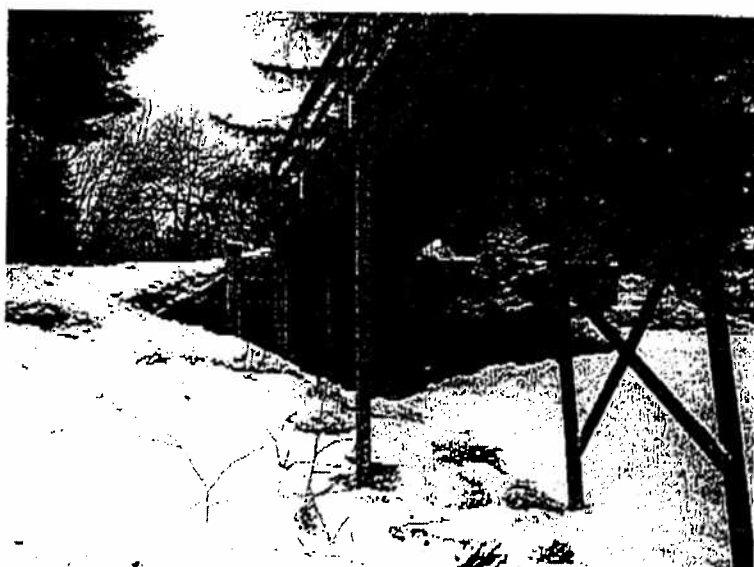
**Rotted Glu-lam under walkway**



**Rotted Glu-lam at about half-way on top of walkway**



**Grate is 57.5" wide 71.5" long**



**Temporary support posts**